

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]  
 TOPIC Volkspolizei Billeting Area at Pinnow

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT prior to 5 April 1951

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 9 July 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to 5 April 1951, the VP installation in the former ammunition depot at Pinnow (N 54/Q 21) had the designation Volkspolizei Dienststelle [REDACTED]. The only police stationed there was a guard unit of 60 to 80 men from the VPD in Prenzlau. The armored VP Bereitschaft previously stationed there was deactivated in early December 1950, and its police were reassigned to various VP units in the Soviet Zone of Germany. About 15 to 20 police remained in Pinnow to finish up the affairs of the former VP Bereitschaft and to maintain 3 or 4 T-34 tanks and about the same number of Soviet SP guns and armored reconnaissance cars. In February 1951, these armored vehicles were loaded on a train in Angermuende by German police wearing Soviet uniforms. \*

2. The installation, consisting of 11 low brick barracks buildings, 4 low wooden barracks buildings, 3 low wooden office buildings, 1 low wooden dispensary building and 3 large garages, was allegedly being enlarged so that it would be capable of quartering 3,000 men. Six two-story barracks buildings, which were under construction in April, were scheduled to be completed by 15 May 1951. The adjoining woods were expropriated from resettlers and included in the billeting area.

3. It was said that an officers' school, either for advanced training or artillery training, would be established in the installation in May 1951. A VP Inspekteur Weiss, (fnu), who inspected the installation in April, was allegedly in charge of establishing this school. However, other rumors said that, upon completion of the barracks buildings at Pinnow, the VPD in Prenzlau would be transferred to Pinnow, while a unit of the HVL (Main Administration of Air Police) would be established in Prenzlau. \*\*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. The quarters of the former 2d VP Bereitschaft were also previously reported to have been occupied only by guard details. [REDACTED]

\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. A VP Kommandeur Weiss, (fnu), was reported to be the commanding officer of the VPD in Muehlhausen in March 1951. [REDACTED] It is possible that he is the VP Inspekteur Weiss mentioned in the present report. No confirmatory information is available on the intended transfer of the VPD in Prenzlau to Pinnow nor on the activation of an air police unit in Prenzlau.

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